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TODAY: Partly cloudy
NE winds @ 8 knots
High: 86 Low: 75

SATURDAY: Partly cloudy
SE winds @ 10-15 knots
High: 88 Low: 75

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy
with rainshowers
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High: 86 Low: 75

FRIDAY MORNING'S
COMMUNITYBANK
EXCHANGERATES
BUYING: \$1=Y107 SELLING: Y112-\$1

Officials save Patriot Express

By Master Sgt.
Adam Johnston
18th Wing Public Affairs

The Patriot Express has been spared from a budgetary chopping block and will continue for at least one more year, U.S. Forces Japan and base officials said this week.

"The additional year for Patriot Express in Japan is great news," said Lt. Col. Mark Harris of USFJ logistics. Colonel Harris was one of several officials at headquarters involved in requesting an extension for the system, which provides official transport of military members, their families and pets between the U.S. and locales in Japan.

Last February, Air Mobility Command officials announced that the world-

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Special Delivery



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece E. Campbell

Capt. Cynthia Yap, 18th Medical Operations Squadron nurse assigned to the neonatal intensive care unit, checks the temperature of a baby incubator prior to transferring the infant from Kadena to the United States recently. The neonatal intensive care unit is responsible for the health care of high-risk infants during necessary transport between the United States and Western Pacific region.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Jim Varhegyi
Incoming Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley (left) and outgoing Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper watch as Airmen pass in review during a ceremony in Washington, Sept. 2.

Moseley sworn in as Air Force's 18th chief of staff

Gen. T. Michael Moseley was sworn in as the Air Force's 18th chief of staff in a ceremony at Andrews AFB, Md. Sept. 2 that also featured the retirement of Gen. John P. Jumper after 39 years of service.

Acting Secretary of the Air Force Pete Geren presided over the ceremony. Also taking part in the event were Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard B. Myers.

Secretary Rumsfeld thanked General Jumper for his "exemplary service" to the nation. "Nowhere except in the military service can you wake up every day and know that our country is safer because of you," Secretary Rumsfeld said. "John

Jumper, you can do that literally every day for the rest of your life."

"With General Jumper's retirement this is a bittersweet day for the Air Force," Mr. Geren said "But, we're gaining a new chief of staff who has been proven in battle over Iraq and Afghanistan. As the vice chief, he has been directly involved in running the Air Force for the last two years, and he's ready."

General Moseley said the continued success of the Air Force hinges on the efforts of thousands of Airmen engaged in combat operations worldwide or performing humanitarian relief in the tragic aftermath of the Gulf Coast hurricane.

Kadena NCOs learn ways to dispel alcohol myths of Airmen

By 1st Lt. Gerardo
Gonzalez
18th Wing Public Affairs

A highly sought-after alcohol abuse educator shed light into problem drinking and dispelled myths this week as he taught a "train-the-trainer" course to Kadena senior NCOs. The NCOs will in-turn educate Airmen their units.

Wayne Johnson, Drug Demand Reduction Program manager at Osan Air Base, Korea, guided discussions here with unit Z-Z-1-3 coordinators as part of the Squadron Alcohol Skills Intervention Curriculum, or SASIC.

"This course is about

professionalism, basic respect for ourselves and our fellow Airmen and changing our culture surrounding alcohol," said Col. Jeff Kennedy, 18th Wing vice commander, during opening remarks. He pointed out the negatives of alcohol abuse—assaults, DUIs, and other illegal activities. "As we get our arms around this issue, we'll improve the quality of life for our people at Kadena."

SASIC is meant to help NCOs influence positive behavior and responsibility in other Airmen who choose to drink by providing information about alcohol use

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Air Force celebrates 58 years while looking toward the future

By Gen. Paul Hester
Pacific Air Forces
commander

HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii - The U.S. Air Force will celebrate its 58th anniversary Sunday, and while it marks a time to reflect on our humble beginnings as a separate service, it's also an opportunity to look at where we're headed.

As we, the men and women of Pacific Air Forces celebrate, I urge each of us to look toward the future as our predecessors did back in 1947.

Those bold pioneers who established our foundation of

independence and excellence, officers by the names of Doolittle, Arnold and Chenault, influenced by air-power theorists, such as Mitchell, Trenchard and Douhet, took pride in the role they played in the beginnings of today's most powerful Air Force.

It's been less than a century since William "Billy" Mitchell demonstrated how bombers, correctly equipped, could sink some of the world's largest war vessels like the German battleship Ostfriesland.

In response to the resultant fury of our nation's battleship commanders, his superiors sent him to Hawaii to quiet the hot debate of a separate air service.

As you know, it didn't work. Instead, off the coast of Mitchell's place of temporary

exile, PACAF recently reiterated the decisive nature of the air power Mitchell envisioned and for which he fought so fervently. In joint demonstrations of maritime interdiction capability, several different Air Force aircraft types showed their lethality in Resultant Fury '05, and most recently in another exercise in the North Pacific.

We've come a long way; from fighting to convince our nation's leaders of the necessity of a separate Air Force to establishing complete air superiority over our enemies in a matter of hours.

Today's is a global war that's caused us to shift our focus and redefine the way our military fights. We've come full circle. Instead of focusing on our separate strengths, we're focusing on the synergy of jointness, coop-

erating with our sister services, Guard and Reserve Units, and coalition partners at a level never before achieved. PACAF is undergoing a transformation of its own. You're the pioneers of the expanding PACAF mission. Be proud in the role you play as Airmen in new endeavors such as standing up the Kenney Warfighting Headquarters; in the bed-down of rotational bombers, fighters and tankers; in preparing for the addition of C-17s, Global Hawks, and additional fighter forces to the PACAF arsenal.

Happy Birthday to our great Air Force family and to you magnificent PACAF Airmen whose contributions are helping to redefine the 21st century's United States Air Force. I'm proud to be serving with you!



It has been...

13 days

since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.
60 days = 18th Wing 'Down Day'



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Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas
18th Wing commander

The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

Retraining

I have encountered a dilemma with retraining. I have been in the military for 7 1/2 years and I am interested in retraining, however I have been told that retraining while overseas is very difficult. I spoke with the military personnel flight to find out the guidelines for retraining and I was told that I would not be eligible for retraining until I am 8 months out from PCS'ing. I asked why it is that the retraining guidelines for the states are different. MPF said that it is easier to fill slots for stateside bases than overseas. Sir, I am not trying to retrain to leave Kadena; retraining would enhance my military career and broaden my knowledge. Would it be possible to amend the regulation for military members overseas that would allow them to retrain fulfilling their time at their overseas location?

Thanks for expressing your concerns regarding retraining, and for wanting to remain at Kadena. This is what I found out when looking into this issue:

The Retraining Program is an Air Force-level program governed by Air Force Instruction 36-2626, Airman Retraining Program, Air Force Manual 36-2108, Enlisted Classification, and Air Force Training Management System Notes in the Military Personnel Data System. The program operates on a yearly cycle and is driven by AF manning needs and AF-level funding of class quotas (on average the AF allocates \$17,000 per retrainee). For members overseas, the Date Eligible to Return from Overseas (DEROS) is also considered. Additional criteria which can directly impact a member's eligibility include: 1) whether or not the applicant's AFSC is on the Retraining Out List (this applies to 2nd- or Long-Term Airmen only); 2) current grade; 3) category of enlistment (first-term, second-term or long-term Air-

man); 4) EPR ratings; and 5) ASVAB score.

Retraining for overseas members is seemingly difficult compared to Stateside because overseas members must apply between the 15th and 9th month before their DEROS (e.g., the eligibility window for a member with a DEROS of Apr 08 is Jan 07 thru Jul 07) and because of the timing of the announcement message from AFPC, which could be released after an overseas member's eligibility window closes out. Unfortunately, until AFPC releases the corresponding fiscal year's message there is no visibility of available quotas nor of which AFSCs will be allowed to compete. However, members can view current year quotas to get an idea of whether or not their AFSC might be on the list the following year based on manning. For example, if a member's AFSC is on the list and there is only one available quota in FY05, then it is highly likely that there will be no slots available for that particular AFSC in FY06 because that AFSC will probably be filled.

For those who miss their window of opportunity because of a late announcement message an Exception to Policy is a possible recourse. An Exception to Policy can be sought after the quota releases, but not before, and are considered on a case-by-case basis by the Unit Commander, the Military Personnel Flight Commander, MAJCOM and, ultimately, the Air Force Personnel Center.

A key point is that retraining is linked closely to the assignment process, particularly when assigned overseas. Allowing overseas members to retrain earlier than 15 months prior to their DEROS would result in lower unit manning, more work for others, higher moving costs, and ultimately negatively impact our mission capabilities. I understand your point about retraining sooner and staying at Kadena, but once you're retrained you can no longer fill the billet you were in before changing AFSCs -- you must go where you are needed, and that may not be Kadena.

Thanks again for your question. If you still need help you may contact the Employment Office at our Military Personnel Flight.



SHOGUN WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Tech. Sgt. Lisa Azzoline

18th Comptroller Squadron, NCO in charge of customer support
Hometown: Saukville, Wis.

Reason for nomination: Unwavering professional who leads by example, constantly provides world class travel pay service to Kadena's finest.

Time at Kadena: 10 months

Editor's note: Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.

AFBALL: The 2005 Air Force Ball kicks off at the Rocker NCO Club Saturday at 6 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. To purchase tickets or for more information call 634-3845.

GATE 3 CLOSURE: Kadena's Gate 3 will be reduced to a single inbound and outbound lane due to ongoing construction. Six months is the approximate schedule for the gate renovation. Officials with the 18th Security Forces Squadron are asking base workers and residents to use Gates 1 and 2 to help minimize traffic congestion at the gate.

CHAPELCONCERT: Tom Kendzia, liturgical musician known for his hymns, "Pieta" and "I, The Lord," will perform for free tonight at 7 p.m. at Chapel 1.

CHAPELMUSIC WORKSHOP: A musician and choir workshop hosted by Tom Kendzia will be held Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Chapel 1. To register call 634-1288.

MPF CHANGES: Starting Monday, identification card issue and enrollment into the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System for births, marriages and divorces will be by appointment only. Emergency walk-ins will be seen on a case-by-case basis. To make an appointment, call the military personnel flight at 632-8881.

CIVILIANCALL: A Civilian Call for all Air Force appropriated civilian employees will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club. Organizers say the call is to inform the civilian workforce of current and upcoming changes within the workforce. Military members who supervise appropriated civilians are also invited to attend. For more information, e-mail the civilian personnel flight at: kadena.cpf@kadena.af.mil.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS: A Holiday Greetings team will be at Kadena Sept. 22, 23 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Tee House restaurant outdoor patio area to videotape greetings to air on radio and TV stations in the United States during the holidays. Military members appearing in videos must be in uniform. Call 634-5696 to make an appointment. Those with appointments have priority, but walk-ins will also be accepted.

SEXUALASSAULTHELPLINE: Sexual assault victims can report crimes in two manners -- restricted reporting (confidential) or

Crossing into the blue



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece E. Campbell

Capt. Jon Stevenson, 18th Security Forces Squadron, swears in (left to right) Cielo Edwards, 18, daughter of Master Sgt. Billy Edwards; Abbra Myers, 20, wife of Airman 1st Class Mark Myers; Blake Gamez, 22, son of Petty Officer 1st Class Royce Williams; and Andrew Harkcom, 18, son of Tech. Sgt. Eric Browner. The four new recruits were sworn in to the Delayed Entry Program for future service in the Air Force. Anyone interested in joining the active duty Air Force should contact Tech. Sgt. Jason DeFelice, 18th Wing recruiter, at 632-7835.

unrestricted reporting (investigation begins immediately) to the sexual assault response coordinator by calling 634-SARC.

KATRINAMAILSERVICE: Express mail service to ZIP code areas (365, 366, 369, 393, 394, 396 and 703) has been restored. Express mail to the following ZIP codes remains suspended: 395, 700, 701 and 704. For more information call 634-1351.

CIVILIAN HIRES: Effective Nov. 1, all vacancy announcements for Kadena will be advertised by the Air Force Personnel Center at the following website: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil>.

Both internal and external applicants will apply for positions through the self-nomination process. Applications will no longer be accepted at the Kadena Civilian Personnel Office. For more information, call the Civilian Personnel Flight at 634-1358.

VA BENEFITS INFORMATION: A Veteran Affairs representative is available for individual appointments every Thursday and Friday at the Kadena Family Support Center. There will also be a group VA benefits briefing at the FSC every fourth Friday of each month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Call 634-3366 to make an appointment or to register for the briefing.

FIGHTERWING HERITAGE: The 18th Fighter Wing Association is looking for new members. All 18th Wing members are eligible to join and help keep the wing's legacy alive. For more information, contact Barry Agovino at aggsmail@adelphia.net.

ENGLISHTEACHINGVOLUNTEERS: The 18th Wing public affairs office needs volunteers to teach English at three local elementary schools twice a month on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Any member of Team Kadena interested in volunteering can call 634-5499.

FLIGHTLINEDRIVING: The 18th Operations Support Squadron airfield management flight reminds Team Kadena of the following:

- Personnel driving on the flightline must be licensed to do so.
- Before driving on any active taxiway, drivers must stop and check their vehicles and tires for debris that could cause foreign object damage to aircraft.
- The speed limit on the flightline is 15 mph (24 kph) for general purpose vehicles; 10 mph (16 kph) for special purpose vehicles or when crews are towing two pieces of aerospace ground equipment; 5 mph (8 kph) when towing two maintenance stands, or when driving within 25 feet of an aircraft or 50 feet of a flightline facility.
- Closed taxiways are closed to all traffic, not just aircraft.

Refer questions to unit flightline driving program managers or airfield management at 634-3118.

BLOOD DRIVE: Volunteers are needed to give blood, help those giving blood and to setup and cleanup Sept. 30 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bldg. 626. To register call Capt. Pamela Townsend-Atkins at 630-4504.

STEPpin' up



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece Campbell

Staff Sgts. Lonnie Cooper (left), an engine mechanic with the 718th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and Charles Bouck, a survival, evasion, resistance and escape specialist with the 31st Rescue Squadron, received an on-the-spot promotion to technical sergeant from Brig. Gen. Jan-Marc Jouas, 18th Wing commander, Sept. 8 through a program called Stripes for Exceptional Performers. The program, established in 1980, is designed to meet those unique circumstances that, in the commander's judgement, clearly warrant promotion.

Remembering 9-11



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair

Members from the 18th Medical Group, Kadena Fire Department and 18th Security Forces Squadron raise the flags in memory of those that lost their lives during the 9-11 attacks in 2001. More than 120 people attended the ceremony held Sunday in front of the 18th Wing headquarters.

EXPRESS: 'Some Space-A better than no Space-A'

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wide Patriot Express system was to be scrapped under a three-phase plan because the service was losing nearly \$67 million a year. Service to Kadena — which included two weekly rotator flights from the United States — was to stop Oct. 1.

However, military officials in Japan and at U.S. Pacific Command have successfully lobbied AMC to extend services in Japan until Sept. 30, 2006. "We truly believe it's a critical asset out here, and after (U.S. Transportation Command) looks at how much it's used during fiscal year 2006, we're confident they'll agree, and the Patriot Express will be here to stay," said Colonel Harris.

Previous Patriot Express aircraft arrived at Kadena on Tuesdays and Saturdays, but

under the new plan the service will be provided once weekly. The new schedule, according to USFJ officials, will have flights departing Seattle on Thursdays, and arriving at Yokota Air Base and Kadena on Fridays. Plans call for the aircraft to remain overnight at Kadena and leave on Saturday, retracing its route back to Seattle through Yokota.

The Patriot Express system, formerly known as the "Freedom Bird," has been in service since the 1960s. Commercial aircraft supporting this military-contracted service provide annual travel for more than 340,000 passengers, according to AMC officials, but more recently only two-thirds of the seats on those planes were being filled by "paying" passengers on official travel orders.

The rest — about 100,000 — were riding for free under a benefit system known as space-available travel that allows active-duty and retired military members and their families to occupy any empty seats on such planes.

"The whole issue is essentially ridership," said Maj. Richard Jones, operations officer with the 18th Logistics Readiness Squadron. "There will be a renewed focus for official travelers to use the service. We have to make this service at least break even because by next April officials will again be looking at whether the service will be funded past 2006," he said. "We can't keep it if it's losing money."

With more travelers, Major Jones acknowledged that there would be a reduction in the number of seats available

for Space-A travelers. "Some Space-A is better than no Space-A," he said.

According to official travel figures, nearly 90 percent of seats on Patriot Express aircraft inbound to Okinawa are filled by military members and their families while only 10 percent of the seats are either empty or occupied by Space-A travelers.

Of those official travel inbound passengers, 10 percent are affiliated with the Air Force and 80 percent are associated with other military services.

Only 60 percent of the seats for outbound travel from Okinawa were filled by "duty" passengers, leaving 40 percent of the seats empty or for use by Space-A travelers. Of those outbound travelers, 24 percent were Air Force-related while 36 percent belonged to

other military services.

Another benefit that the Patriot Express system provides for military members is an easier way to transport pets to foreign postings, according to Major Jones.

"In 2004, more than 650 pets were transported to Okinawa through the Patriot Express system," he said. Allowing military members a way to import their pets directly into the base instead of flying the animals commercially saves them between \$550 to \$1,000 per pet.

Not only would a loss of the Patriot Express cost pet owners more money, commercial aircraft landing at Naha greatly limit the number of pets they will transport, Major Jones said. "If the Patriot Express went away, it'd have a huge negative impact on pet owners."



Air Force/Master Sgt. Marilyn C. Holliday

Staff Sgt. Carmina Beedle, right, 17th Special Operations Squadron aircrew life support technician, fits Jessica Williams with her life preserver unit before boarding an orientation flight. The 353rd Special Operations Group sponsored orientation flights for all group spouses Aug. 26.

Spouses of Special Ops group board MC-130s for inside look

By Master Sgt.
Marilyn C. Holliday
353rd Special Operations
Group Public Affairs

Lightning and rain showers Aug 26 couldn't put a damper on the day for 74 spouses from the 353rd Special Operations Group as they got a chance to see what SOG Airmen are a part of day-to-day.

Even though weather delayed the first three flights until the afternoon, spouses were still able to board six flights and see Okinawa from 2,000 feet above during a 40-minute orientation flight.

"Spouses constantly flex with our schedules, whether its typhoon evacuations, exercises or TDYs," Capt. Steven Kohut, event coordinator, said. "This is our opportunity

to thank them."

Each flight began with a pre-flight briefing complete with weather details, load-master specifics and safety information. Then the spouses were led to the flight staging area, where each passenger was fitted with a life preserver unit and hearing protection.

Separated into six "chalks," a term in flight history that dates back to when flight numbers were written in chalk on the side of the plane, the spouses waited patiently for their turn to board either the MC-130H Combat Talon II or the MC-130P Combat Shadow. In flight, spouses took turns dangling their legs out of the back of the aircraft, after putting on harness equipment. Everyone was also given the opportunity to

get an up-close look inside the flight deck.

"I thought it was absolutely wonderful," Amanda Greenlee, wife of Capt. Rob Greenlee from the 1st Special Operations Squadron, said, after the flight. "It was lots of fun to be able to stick your feet out and see the island."

"I think that the flights are very important, because it lets family members see what's going on and be a part of it. It shows us a part of what our spouses do instead of just hearing about it or seeing pictures," said Mrs. Greenlee.

The SOG is the focal point for all U.S. Air Force special operations activities throughout the U.S. Pacific Command theater. The SOG sponsored a similar spouses' day in May, but weather only allowed two flights.

SKILLS: Base class dispels myths on alcohol buzz

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— and abuse — and challenging assumptions commonly held about the effects of alcohol, such as, 'the more you drink the better you feel.'

Not so, said Mr. Johnson about such assumptions.

He pointed out that most people say they drink for the euphoric, feel-good effect of a "buzz," which happens when a person's blood-alcohol-concentration—or ratio of alcohol to blood in the bloodstream—reaches .05 to .06 percent.

Going beyond that BAC by drinking more takes the person out of that euphoric state and brings on the negative depressant effects of alcohol. That initial buzz does not return once the BAC goes past the .06 percentage range.

"That myth was dispelled here," said Master Sgt. Steve Harbison, the Z-Z-1-3 coordinator for the 18th Component Maintenance Squadron, about the idea that more is better when drinking.

SASIC is not just about dispelling myths but also

about changing the drinking culture—and one group holds the key for this. "The technical and staff sergeants are the most influential when it comes to our young Airmen," said Mr. Johnson, a retired Marine and Vietnam veteran.

The plan for SASIC is for the Z-Z-1-3 coordinators, who are E-7's and above, to take the course back to their units and teach the technical and staff sergeants so they can carry the message to their Airmen.

Mr. Johnson teaches that superiors have to be good role models by not encouraging alcohol abuse. He tells the story of being a young Marine and drinking 12-consecutive shots of 151-proof liquor... and soon after being face down in the bathroom emptying the contents of his stomach. When one of his superiors caught a glimpse of him on his knees, he said "a real Marine would stand up to do that."

"From then on, I stood up every time," said Mr. Johnson. By faulting him for not vomiting "proper-

ly" rather than for drinking excessively, the superior encouraged the behavior. "It's amazing the little things young troops will pick-up on from us as leaders," said Mr. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson also offered a leadership version of the course to commanders and first sergeants Wednesday. The course is tailored to muster support from all levels of the chain-of-command, and is designed to complement the 18th Wing's new Z-Z-1-3 program. "I think this is a very good course," said Sergeant Harbison. "By presenting the information the way it was presented to me, I'm confident [our staff and technical sergeants] will buy-off on it and we can make a change."

The 18th Wing implemented the Z-Z-1-3 program in August in an effort to reduce the negative impact of alcohol on Team Kadena by promoting Zero underage drinking, and Zero alcohol-related incidents, and no more than 1 drink-per-hour and 3 drinks-per-night.



Kadena mechanics keep war effort rolling

(CLOCKWISE FROM TOP)

CHANGE: Staff Sgt. Shawn Thompson installs a turbocharger during a Humvee engine change in Baghdad, Iraq. He is a vehicle mechanic with the 447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron and is deployed from Kadena. **WORK:** Everyday an ever-changing line of trucks, buses, Humvees and other vehicles can be found waiting their turn for repair.

DYE: Staff Sgt. Dustin Barnhardt uses a special dye and infrared light to find an air-conditioning leak on a Humvee. Sergeant Barnhardt is a vehicle mechanic with the 447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron and is deployed from Kadena.

OIL: Staff Sgt. Paul Bohn changes the oil and performs other critical maintenance on a Humvee. He is a vehicle mechanic with the 447th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron and is deployed from Kadena.



Okinawa Perspective

The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese news papers.

□ U.S. welcomes continuation of Koizumi government: A U.S. State Department official issued a statement Sunday welcoming the Liberal Democratic Party's victory in Sunday's general election. The statement hailed the Japanese public's strong support for the ruling party's reformist line and expressed hope that the U.S. government and the government of Japan would further strengthen their close and cooperative relations.

□ Arrangements are being made for President Bush to visit Japan to meet with Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in mid-November. Bush's visit to Japan is likely to take place sometime around his planned attendance of an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Leaders meeting in South Korea on Nov. 18. The issues of U.S. force realignment in Japan, North Korea's nuclear ambitions, and the Japan Self-Defense Forces mission in Iraq will likely be discussed

□ Prefectural officials are taking action against people illegally dumping such items as cars, tires, metal and electrical appliances. Officials say this practice has become common at dozens of spots across the island. The dumping of hundreds of tons of materials has to be cleaned up by others at taxpayer expense. Officials are now working with specialists, engineers and local businesses to protect against illegal dumping. The use of high-tech television surveillance cameras is being implemented to capture images of culprits.

□ Kadena Town officials decided to establish a project team in early October to discuss a Kadena usage agreement. The team will consist of representatives from the town's administration, assembly, self-government, schools, chamber of commerce and other relevant organizations. They will invite the representatives to study sessions to gather public consensus on the proposed agreement. Mayor Tokujitsu Miyagi of Kadena Town, stated, "It is a problem that we do not discuss the base issues laying in front of us."



TODAY

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Flashback Fridays starts at 5 p.m.

EMERY LANES: Children ages 9-18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. (except holidays). A form (available at the front desk) must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to participation. Call 634-2290 for more information.

- Thunder Bowl is open from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

URASHIMA DINNER THEATER: Call Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel at 634-4322 for more information.

SATURDAY

OKUMAFEST: Festivities start at 10 a.m. at Okuma Resort. Highlights include live music, Chinese acrobatics and fireworks.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Hip Hop to Dirty South, Reggae and R&B starts at 8 p.m.

ITT TOURS: Celebrate OkumaFest with Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Call 634-4322 for more information.

- Call 634-4322 for more information about the Shuri Castle Park and Moonlight Fair tour.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Top 40 Variety Dance Hits begin at 7 p.m.

CARD & COMIC SHOW: Starts at 10 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center. Vendor tables are \$5 on a first come first serve basis. Admission is free.

HOME BUSINESS SHOW: Check out products and services provided by various businesses to work at home. Begins at 10 a.m. at the Schilling Community Center.

SUNDAY

OKUMAFEST: Festivities start at 10 a.m. at Okuma Resort. Highlights include live music, a belly dance performance and laser show.

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Game show mania starts at 7 p.m.

ITT TOURS: Take the Tunnel Rats tour with Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Call 634-4322 for more information.

- Call 634-4322 for more information about the OkumaFest tour.

MONDAY

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Juke Box Jams starts at 6 p.m.

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ROCKER NCO CLUB: Game Show Night begins at 7 p.m.

MOVIES

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

* First Run shows are marked by an asterisk.

Keystone Theater

- ▲ Today.....*Valiant, G, 6 p.m.
- Devil's Reject, R, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday...*Valiant, G, noon
- Bad News Bears, PG-13, 4 p.m.
- Devil's Reject, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday.....*Valiant, G, noon
- Bad News Bears, PG-13, 4 p.m.
- Devil's Reject, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday.....*Valiant, G, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday.....Bad News Bears, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday...Devil's Reject, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday....Bad News Bears, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Butler Theater

- ▲ Today.....*The Cave, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- The Devil's Reject, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday...Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, PG, 1 p.m.
- Bad News Bears, PG-13, 4 p.m.
- *The Cave, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- The Devil's Reject, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday...Bad News Bears, PG-13, 1 p.m.
- Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, PG, 4 p.m.
- *The Cave, PG-13, 7 p.m.

Getting the right mix



Air Force/Staff Sgt. Chyrece E. Campbell

Eiichi Roshida, art instructor at the 18th Services Skills Development Center, shows Sandy Getlein the technique for mixing oil paints to create different colors and shades. The class is an 8-week course that teaches the basics of oil painting. The Skills Development Center offers a wide range of art classes for ages 13 and up, including pencil drawing, and water and oil painting. To sign up for a class or get more information, call 634-1666.

TUESDAY

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Pool tournament starts at 7 p.m.

FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9-18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. (except holidays). A form (available at the front desk) must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to participation. Call 634-2290 for more information.

UDUI THEATER & NAHA SHOPPING: Call Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel at 634-4322 for more information.

OFFICE PARTY: Begins at 5 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

WEDNESDAY

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Dart tournament starts at 7 p.m. Call 634-4428 or 634-0644 for more information about joining a dart league.

- Ladies Night begins at 8 p.m.

FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9-18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. (except holidays). A form (available at the front desk) must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to participation. Call 634-2290 for more information.

CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT: Movies featuring stars such as John Wayne, Grace Kelly and others start at 6 p.m. at the Kadena Library.

LADIES NIGHT: Starts at 8 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

THURSDAY

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Fired Up for Country starts at 7 p.m.

FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9-18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m.

(except holidays). A form (available at the front desk) must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to participation. Call 634-2290 for more information.

100 YEN SHOPPING TOUR: Call Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel at 634-4322 for more information.

KRAZY KARAOKE: Begins at 7 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

SEPT. 23

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Flashback Fridays starts at 5 p.m.
- EMERY LANES:** Children ages 9-18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. (except holidays). A form (available at the front desk) must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to participation. Call 634-2290 for more information.
- Thunder Bowl is open from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

SEPT. 24

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Hip Hop to Dirty South, Reggae and R&B starts at 8 p.m.

40 FRAME GAME: Signups start at 6 p.m., and bowling begins at 7 p.m. Call 634-2290 for more information.

ITT TOURS: Take the Zamami Island Day tour with Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel. Call 634-4322 for more information.

- Call 634-4322 for more information about the Okinawa World tour.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Smooth Mixes and Jazz and Easy Listening Variety begins at 7 p.m.

- Super Ladies Night starts at 10 p.m.

HANDMADE CRAFTS FAIR: Check out Americana, wood shelves, baskets and other crafts at the Schilling Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MOVIE IN THE PARK: Watch Batman movies and enjoy free popcorn and drinks beginning at 8 p.m.

SEPT. 25

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Game show mania starts at 7 p.m.

ITT TOURS: Take the Battle of Okinawa tour with Kadena Information,

Tickets and Travel. Call 634-4322 for more information.

- Call 634-4322 for more information about the Expo Park and Churumi Aquarium tour.

GAME SWAP: Trade, sell or buy video games and computer games

SEPT. 26

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Juke Box Jams starts at 6 p.m.
- FREE BOWLING:** Children ages 9-18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. (except holidays). A form (available at the front desk) must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to participation. Call 634-2290 for more information.

NEO & BUTTERFLY PARK TOUR: Call Kadena Information, Tickets and Travel at 634-4322 for more information.

ROCKER NCO CLUB: Game Show Night begins at 7 p.m.

SEPT. 27

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Pool tournament starts at 7 p.m.
- 75 CENT BOWLING:** Enjoy food and games for just 75 cents each at Emery Lanes.

FREE BOWLING: Children ages 9-18 bowl for free from 2:30 to 5 p.m. (except holidays). A form (available at the front desk) must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to participation. Call 634-2290 for more information.

OFFICE PARTY: Begins at 5 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

SEPT. 28

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Dart tournament starts at 7 p.m. Call 634-4428 or 634-0644 for more information about joining a dart league.

- Ladies Night begins at 8 p.m.

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LADIES NIGHT: Starts at 8 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

SEPT. 29

BANYAN TREE CLUB: Social Hour from 7 to 9 p.m. in the lounge.

- Fired Up for Country starts at 7 p.m.

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KRAZY KARAOKE: Begins at 7 p.m. at the Rocker NCO Club.

SEPT. 30

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CHAPEL

Catholic

- ▲ Monday through Friday: Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday: Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday: Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday: Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
- Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m.
- Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
- Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ Hindu service: Mondays, Chapel 1, noon.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219



Academy holds Dining-In

RULES: Tech. Sgt. Aaron Landess, asks Tech. Sgt. Kevin Avila if rule #6 "...military protocol overrides all calls of nature" means he cannot go to the bathroom once the mess started at the NCO Academy Dining-In held Sept. 7 at the Kadena Officers Club.

CROWD: A Dining-In is a formal dinner rich in military tradition for military members only. Dining-Ins can be held as a means of saying farewell and as a way to maintain high morale and esprit de corps.

ALL IN FAVOR: Command Chief Master Sgt. Robert Wicks, (left), of Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, disapproves a trip by academy instructors to the grog bowl despite a majority approval from the head table.

MASCOT: Tech. Sgt. Frank Graziano, an instructor at the NCO Academy, eats dinner with his flight's mascot: Merv.

(Photos by Staff Sgt. Chyrece E. Campbell)